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## Plan For Top Health Priorities Released In Davis County

(Clearfield, Utah) – Davis County’s first ever county-wide community health improvement plan was released by the Davis County Health Department. The five year plan focuses on health issues having the greatest need for attention and greatest impact within the county.

“Community partners have worked together on this community health improvement plan which identifies effective programs and policies in an effort to make Davis County the healthiest county in Utah,” said Lewis Garrett, director of the county’s health department.

“The plan is the culmination of a community health improvement process started in 2013. Representatives of the community reviewed the findings of the Davis County Community Health Assessment, voted on priority health issues, and developed a plan to address health priorities,” said Isa Perry, Community Outreach Planner for the Davis County Health Department. “The county’s leading health issues and selected priorities are suicide, obesity, access to behavioral health services, and air quality.”

The community health improvement plan was presented to the Davis County Board of Health during their quarterly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

“On behalf of the Davis County Board of Health, I am proud to endorse the 2014-2018 Davis County Community Health Improvement Plan,” said Don Wood, chair of the Board of Health. “This is particularly significant because it represents a community-wide strategic plan to improve health in Davis County. We pledge our support for this improvement plan, and encourage involvement from community leaders, service providers, and citizens as we all strategically align to focus on these four priority health issues.”

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According to Garrett, every person in Davis County is affected by these issues in some way. “There is now a plan in place to address these important topics, with the ultimate goal to improve health within our county,” he said. “We appreciate the many local agencies and individuals who helped contribute to this plan. Collaboration is critical. We all have a stake in creating a healthier community and no single agency can combat the leading health challenges of the county alone,” Garrett said.

Action groups have already made progress in each of the four priority areas. They are continually looking for new resources and new partners to support their work. People wanting to get involved should contact Isa Perry at 801-525-5212.

The 2014-2018 Davis County Community Health Improvement Plan is available online at [http://www.daviscountyutah.gov/health/featured\\_items/CHIP\\_web.pdf](http://www.daviscountyutah.gov/health/featured_items/CHIP_web.pdf).

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